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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY SUBMITTED TO EMBASSY FOLLOWING
TEXT SCAR RECOMMENDATIONS ON SPECIALLY PRO-
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NOTE ON POSSIBLE ACTION AT THE EIGHTH ANTARCTIC TREATY
CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON SCAR RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO
SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS.

SUBMITTED BY UNITED KINGDOM AT SECOND PREPARATORY MEETING
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(PAPER SUBMITTED BY UNITED KINGDON)

1. WE SUGGEST THT GOVERNMENTS NEED NOT TAKE ANY ACTION ABUT THE SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS WHIICH ACAR PROPOSES SHOULD BE RETAINED WITH THEIR EXISTING BOUNDAREIS.

2. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT, IN PRINCIPLE , WE ACCEPT THE SCAR PROPOSALS TO REDESIGNATE SOME OF THE EXISTING SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS AS SITES OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST.

3. HOWEVER, BEFORE WE CAN REDESIGNATE CAPE CROZIER, BYERS PENINSULA, LYNCH ISLAND ANC OOPERMINE PENINSULA AS SITES OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST, WE SHALL NEED APPROVED MANAGMENT PLANS FOR EACH OF THEM. THESE PLANS CAN PERHAPS BEST BE PREPARED BY THE GOVERNMENTS WHICH ORIGINALLY PROPOSED THE AREAS(IN THIS CASE, FORE EXAMPLE, THE UK COULD UNDERTAKE LYNCH ISLAND). IF AGREED AT THE CONSULTATIVE MEETING, AFTER EACH MANAGEMENT PLAN HAS BEEN APPROVED BY SCAR AND SUBMITTED TO GOVERNMENTS THROUGH NATIONAL COMMITTEES, THESE REDESIGNATIONS WILL REQUIRE CANCELLATION OF THE RELEVANT RECOMMENDATIONS, E.G.
IV-6 CAPE CROZIER
IV-10 BYERS PENINSULA
IV-12 &V5 FILDES PENINSULA
IV-14 LYNCY ISLAND

WE COULD SAFELY CANCEL IV-12AND V-5 IN JUNE WITHOUT DELAY, BUT WE DO NOT WANT TO CANCELL THE OTHER UNTIL THEY CAN AT THE SAME TIME BE REDESIGNATED AS SITES OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST. NONE OF THE NECESSARY COMPLETED MANAGEMENT PLANS ARE EXPECTED TO BE READY BY JUNE AND SCAR MAY WELL CHANGE ITS MIND AFTER FURTHER STUDY (SEE PARAGRAPH 1 OF THER REVIEW).

4. PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE SCAR RESPNSE TO RECOMMENDATION VII-2 INDICATES THAT THEY THINK THERE IS AN IMPORTANT GAP IN THE ARRANGEMENTS, THE RELEVANT REFERENCES ARE ARTICLE VI, PARA 3, AND ARTICLE VIII OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

AGREED MEASURES FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ANTARCTIC FAUNA AND FLORA, AND RECOMMENDATION VI-8 (NONE OF WHICH, INCIDENTIALLY, ARE YET IN FORCE). SCAR THINKS THAT THE PRESENT WORDING EXCLUDES ALL BUT BIOLOGISTS INTENDING TO COLLECT SPECIMENS. AS THE UNITED KINGDOM UNDERSTANDS THE POSITION, ANYONE CAN AT PRESENT ENTER A SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREA. THEY ONLY NEED A PERMIT FIT EHY WANT TO TAKE A FEW SPECIFIED ACTIONS WITHIN A

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SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREA. AS A RESULT OF EXPERIENCE SINCE 1964, WHAT WE NOT REALLY WANT TO ACHIEVE IS THAT NO-ONE SHALL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER A SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREA EXCEPT WITH A PERMIT WHICH SHALL EPECIFY WHAT THEY MAY DO AND WHY. FOR THIS PRUPOSE WE PROBABLY NEED A NEW RECOMMENDATION TO REPLACE VI-8, WHICH WAS A COMPROMISE.

5. IN ANY EVENT, THE UNITED KINGDOM REPRESENTATIVES THINK WE SHOULD NO ATTEMPT TO ALTER RECOMMENDATION VI-8 UNTIL SCAR HAS FINISHED THEIR REVIEW.

6. FOR THESE REASONS, WE SUGGEST THAT THE ONLY ACTION THAT CAN USEFULLY BE TAKEN IN JUNE ON THIS ITEM IS TO CANCEL RECOMMENDATIONS IV-12 AND V-5. THIS COULD PERHAPS MOST EASILY BE DONE BY ADDING AN APPROPRIATE PARAGRAPH TO THE REPORT OF THE CONSULTATIVE MEETING. IF THIS IDEA FINDS FAVOUR, THE UNITED KINGDOM REPRESENTATIVES ARE RADY TO PROVIDE A DRAFT PARAGRAPH FOR DISCUSSION.
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